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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A backwashable filtering device for thermoplastic plastics material is disclosed. The device can filter thermoplastic plastics material through one or more nests of screens in the filtering position, while submitting some nests of screens to the backwashing process that cleans them. The filtering position and the backwashing position are selectable by displacing one or more carrying bodies with respect to a housing and/or by displacing one or more control bodies with respect to the carrying bodies. The backwashing can be performed over an entire nest of screens or over a portion of a nest of screens. The nests of screens can be straight or curved.